



January 2007

Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club

SCSC News

Salutations by: Julie L., President

Happy New Year! Yes, 2007 is here and we hope each of you will enjoy good health and prosperity throughout the year.

Thank you Julie G., who despite her busy schedule, continues to bring us a fantastic newsletter each month. We are very grateful to her and Michelle; their collaboration has produced a great look for the new membership directory.

The feed back for the December Tea has been wonderful. We extend a special thanks to the EUCOM Harmonizers for their entertainment. We also thank Toni Fischer for working with the bakery to provide the delectable cookies and Tammy Donatucci for the wonderful Pumpkin Soup

recipe. Once again the team effort was evident and we appreciate each of your contributions.

The last four months of 2006 members of the Board contributed over 1000 hours of volunteer time. Additionally, an average of 100 volunteer hours was logged by the Thrift Shops' each month. Many of these ladies volunteer in more than one area of our community. Some are Room Moms or Team Moms, others are teachers or leaders of our youth, still others work in our clinics, community services, or other organizations. Volunteers touch our lives daily. We rely on them. Thank you to all our volunteers, you are making a difference in our world!

A quick glimpse at our Calendar of Events reveals the efforts provided by our members are ongoing. We will host our popular White Elephant Exchange in January and learn about 'Those Funny German Ways' in February. The Bazaar committee will begin their count down to March while the Tours committee makes plans for Italy and other adventures. Melissa will make the final purchases for Crystal Bingo and our Nominating committee will begin the search for next year's board. There is a place for each of you in SCSC. We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities offered and help us make our community the best in Germany. Prost!

SCSC 2007 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Date	Event
January 9	Board Meeting	March 16, 17 & 18	Spring Bazaar
January 23	White Elephant Exchange	April 3	Board Meeting
February 6	Board Meeting	April 17	Crystal Bingo
February 20	Those Funny German Ways	May 1	Board Meeting
March 5	Board Meeting	May 15	Scholarship Luncheon
March 6	Membership Event	June 5	Board Meeting

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Attachments

- *White Elephant Gift Exchange flyer. 1/23 at the Swabian at 1030. Please feel free to print and distribute.*
- *Bazaar Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet*
- *Those Funny German Ways flyer. 2/20 at the Swabian at 1030. Please feel free to print and distribute.*

Welfare Committee Update by: Karen T., Chairperson

Welfare Donations totaling \$5,694.00 were given during November, bringing the total donations this fiscal year to \$33,400.00.

1. The Stuttgart Military Eis Hockey Club, 1350 Euro (approximately \$1695) to rent the Kornwestheim Eishalle an additional nine times this season for Club practices and home games.
2. Patch Elementary School PTA, \$1,999.00 to fund entertainers for their students, including a Russian Choir on 18 Dec 2006 and the Covenant Players on 6 Feb 2007
3. Boy Scout Troop 324, \$2,000.00 to

help pay for bus transportation to the Winter Klondike in Kandersteg, Switzerland in January 2007 and the International Scout Summer Camp also in Kandersteg, in July 2007.

To obtain the SCSC Welfare application, go to www.stuttgart.army.mil. Click on "Community Services" and scroll down to the Stuttgart Community Spouses Club. Click here to go to the SCSC page. A link for the 2006-2007 Welfare application is on the SCSC page. Requests received by the 15th of the month are considered later that month. Those received after the 15th are considered the following month.

A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.

--G. Donald Gale

Other News



Calling all Bazaar Volunteers!

The SCSC Spring Bazaar is just around the corner and we hope you will sign up to work a shift or two! Please take a look at the attached SCSC Volunteer Sheet, pick a shift and then email it to scscbazaarvolunteer@yahoo.com. You can also sign up at the January, February and/or March SCSC events. Remember- certain shifts fill up quickly! The Bazaar is expanding this year and even more volunteers will be needed! This is a great way to make friends and participate in an incredible event.

Many thanks!!

Laurie and Deb

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 college year will be available as of Jan. 2, 2007 at the ACS office, the Education Center at Panzer, and Patch High School. You may also request an application via e-mail by sending a message to:

SCSCscholarship@yahoo.com

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for eligibility. The deadline to turn-in applications is March 1, 2007.

All applications must be turned in to Jeanne Glogowski in person or through the SCSC mailing address. Categories include spouses of military or civilians with MWR benefits on their ID card who work at the Stuttgart bases, and dependent college students of same who are currently in college, as well as dependent High School students eligible to attend Patch High School.

Mark Your Calendars

Crystal Bingo is April 17th! For more information: mharvey@30@pjsnet2.de

December Board Meeting

Thank you Joyce Ward for hosting the SCSC December Board Meeting and Ornament Exchange.

(December Board meeting group photo)



Happy Birthday!

Diane Keller 1/1

Gaby Juergens 1/4

Gabriele MacDonald 1/10

Jan Metz 1/10

Margarit Moore 1/13

Cyndi Turner 1/13

Marjorie Bessler 1/14

Sonja Jackson 1/14

Rebecca Ennis 1/15

Michelle Walters 1/16

Sandy D'Angelo 1/17

Debora Newcomb 1/18

Kristina Butz 1/23

Gail Portelli 1/28

Jeanne Glogowski 1/28

Diane Lietzau 1/29

Thrift Shop News



The Patch Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 25 and reopen on Jan. 8, 2007. Please note, the Patch Thrift Shop will not be open on the first Saturday of January, due to the holidays, but will be open the second Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Patch Thrift Shop located in building 2307, Washington Square. The Thrift Shop is always looking for volunteers.

The Patch Thrift Shop hours are:

Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 10:00-14:00
First Sat. of every month 10:00-13:00



Panzer Consignment & Thrift Shop hours of operation are:

Mon. and Fri. 9:00-14:00
Tue. and Thurs. 11:00-18:00
And the 3rd Saturday of the month 9:00-14:00

SCSC Trip to Christborn Ornament Factory in Coberg, Germany on November 29.



Membership Update by Michelle W., Chairperson

Happy New Year!

Membership directories were sent out in December via MPS. If you notice any corrections that need to be



made please e-mail me at scsc.membership@yahoo.com.

Corrections and monthly updates will appear in the monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing to join SCSC

can download an application at <http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/services/spousesclub.asp> and send it to the Membership Chair (the address is on the application) via MPS.

Lunch/Programs Update by Andrea G., Chairperson

My gift to you is Swabian Special Events Manager Tammy's wonderful Pumpkin Soup recipe. This is the soup Tammy served at the December Tea that so many of you loved, and she was gracious enough to give us the recipe with permission to share it with you!

We look forward to spending a fun day with you in the New Year. Don't

forget to bring your wrapped White Elephant gift. This event promises to be one to remember!!

Pumpkin Soup
(10 Servings)

2- 15 oz can Pumpkin Puree
1/2 to 1 Tbs Curry
2 C. Veg broth

1/2 Pts Heavy Cream
1 Tb Honey
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste
Nutmeg to taste



Mix all together in pot and heat until warm. Enjoy!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tour Committee Update

by: Becky S., Corresponding Secretary

On November 29, a group of 22 SCSC members took a bus to the Christborn Ornament Factory near Coberg, Germany. This is a special place you will want to add to your German "must do" list. We had a fantastic day of touring the manufacturing area and watching the artists blow the special glass Christmas ornaments. The prices were very good, especially compared to the same ornaments sold in the USA, where many of these are shipped. We had plenty of time to shop the showrooms and enjoy a leisurely lunch at a nearby restaurant. Some of us spent some serious euro, but most wish we had purchased more. Special "Thank You!" to Gabi M., for setting up the appointment and also translating during the tour. Another big "Thank You" to Julie L. for finding this gem and encouraging me to arrange the event.

A tour committee has been formed to work on our 2007 adventures. Thank you to Christina S., Stacey R. and Gabi M. for volunteering to work on this. We will meet in January and work on some ideas. Contact Becky S. at stampersan@yahoo.com if you would like to help.



The Best Laid Plans... often Change! SCSC Reservations Policies Explained

Each month, SCSC hosts a membership event that requires members to place a reservation with our Reservations Chairperson. We do this for several reasons: to help plan seating arrangements, to insure the event venue is not overcrowded and our members can sit comfortably, and to determine our event budget. This year, we have experienced an increase in reserved absences at events and would like to take this opportunity to explain why SCSC considers "a reservation made, a reservation paid."

It is SCSC policy to charge members only the cost of food served at an event. All other expenses associated with membership events are built into the annual Club operations budget. Our events are catered based on the total number of reservations received by the RSVP closing date; therefore, the Club must pay for the total number of meals reserved. When a member does not attend after making a reservation, the Club must still pay for the reserved meal.

About the Budgets

The SCSC manages annual business expenses under an Operations Budget, which has limited income sources from membership dues, Ways and Means sales, and reservation payments received for membership events. The operations fund is completely separate from the Welfare Budget, which represents the philanthropic arm of our organization and receives its income from Thrift Shop sales and annual Spring Bazaar profits. Of the two budgets, the Operations Budget has the least amount of flexibility and is the budget directly impacted by unpaid reservations fees.

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. .

--John Lennon

When "Life Happens"

In today's busy world, our best laid plans are often derailed by outside forces. If you made a SCSC reserva-

tion, but find you cannot attend after your RSVP was confirmed, please consider one of these options:

- Notify us prior to the event date as soon as you know your plans have changed (e-mail: SCSC4reservations@yahoo.com). We will attempt to fill your space with a wait list request at no cost to you
- Find a substitute SCSC member to attend in your place and notify us in advance with the person's name.
- If you are absent on the day of the event, please mail a check payable to SCSC for the cost of the missed event to:

SCSC Reservations Chairperson
CMR 480, Box 1319
APO, AE 09128-1319

Thank you for being a member of our community "social club with a big heart!"

If you have any questions regarding the SCSC reservations policy, please contact jbrady@aspan.org.



CMR 480 Box 1319
APO AE 09128-1319

***Make the connection...
...where do you fit in?***

For newsletter suggestions
and/or recommendations,
please email:
cgiff1234@aol.com

SCSC's mission is to provide information and support to Americans living in the Stuttgart area through social venues and to give financial contributions back to our military community.

Our membership is open to spouses and members of the U.S. Armed Forces, civilians of the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Forces contract employees, employees of other organizations granted status under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement and other civilians holding a valid U.S. passport and residing in the Stuttgart community.

We're on the Web:

<http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/services/spousesclub.asp>

Where in the World?

Congratulations to last month's winners for guessing the Sound of Music Tour in Salzburg, Austria. Those who guessed correctly include: Laura B., Charlotte J., Kim E., Kari B., Toni S. and Toni R.

This is the tallest peak in one country but the border of two countries goes right through this mountain. Just a short drive away this is a must see. The area is popular for both hiking and skiing.

There is a US military lodge and resort nearby which is perfect for families and includes an indoor swimming pool and arcade.

Please submit your guess to:
cgiff1234@aol.com.



White Elephant Gift Exchange



Date: 1/23/07

10:30

SWABIAN

**SPECIAL
EVENTS CENTER**

PATCH

What is a White Elephant Gift Exchange?

This gag gift exchange involves each person bringing a wrapped gift to the event that is an unwanted item from their home. The items should be in good or relatively new condition and something that people can actually use.

In order to play, you must bring a wrapped gift.

Back by popular demand...

SCSC's White Elephant Gift Exchange

Cost to attend is \$15

(lunch included)

Please R.S.V.P. by January 8 to:

scsc4reservations@yahoo.com



STUTTGART COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB

Spring Bazaar

Name _____

CMR Address _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail _____ Group Affiliate _____

I would like to volunteer for the following times (please circle the date and time):

Day

Times

Set-up Days

Mon 3/12	0930-1230	1330-1630		
Tues 3/13	0930-1230	1330-1630		
Thurs 3/15	0700-1015	1000-1315	1300--1615	1600-1800

Bazaar

Fri 3/16	0830-1000	0945-1145	1115-1415	1400-1700 1645-1915
Sat 3/17	0930-1245	1230-1545	1530-1915	
Sun 3/18	1030-1345	1330-1630	1630-Finish	

Tear Down

Mon 3/19	0930-1230
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Area I would like to work (please circle) :

Finance

Raffle

Hospitality

Security

Floater

Volunteer Coordinator contact information

Laurie Menzel (0711) 120.2025 or scscbazaarvolunteer@yahoo.com

Volunteer Check In located at the YS Desk



Those funny German ways...

Get to know more about our German neighbors by attending this luncheon on February 20th. Guest speaker, Helga Hoepffner, will present German & American cultural differences in a fun and entertaining venue.



Cost \$15 (includes lunch)

February 20, 2007

10:30

Swabian Special Events Center

R.S.V.P. by February 6 at
scsc4reservations@yahoo.com

